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Submission to Senate Enquiry into *The effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia*

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Submission made on behalf of **Gecko – Gold Coast & Hinterland Environment Council** and **Save Bahrs Scrub Alliance**

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The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Gold Coast & Hinterland Branch is the oldest voluntary environment group on the Gold Coast – having just celebrated our 50th Anniversary Year of protecting our environment.

We are proud to support this very fine submission submitted by Petrina Maizey (nee van Reyk), who is also one of our members.

The future of us all depends on having healthy ecosystems large enough for maintenance of the many species which are so interdependent. You as a government have it in your power to preserve these areas for your descendants and ours and must make truly responsible decisions about them for their own intrinsic value, not simply as playthings for the uncontrolled expansion of the human race – which threatens not only our valuable native heritage species – but also our own very existence.

We trust you will read and digest the contents of this submission & act wisely.

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Anne Sutherland – Secretary “ “ “ “